

Re: Vesicular Stomatitis Requirements-Arkansas

Vesicular stomatitis is designated a Class A disease of animals and is an infectious and highly contagious disease. To date, it has been confirmed in the states of Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

Effective August 20, 2004, all imports of horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine from any states which have a confirmed vesicular stomatitis positive animal since January 1, 2004 shall obtain a pre-entry permit prior to importation into Arkansas. This permit number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and the following statement shall be written on the CVI by the veterinarian: *“The animals on this CVI have not originated from a premise or an area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis or premise on which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the last 30 days. I have examined the animals and found no signs of vesicular stomatitis.”*

These requirements shall remain in effect until 30 days after all vesicular stomatitis quarantines have been released in the states confirmed with vesicular stomatitis.